Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Washington St., BSL, MS 39520

We are now living at:

Address: SAME AS ABOVE

City _____ **State** _____ **Zipcode** _____

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

5, Aaron (Daddy), Stephanie (mother), Madison (me) 5
Zhaine (Big brother) 9, Aaron, Jr. (Little brother) will be 1 mth by xmas

Our Katrina experience was:

[redacted] pretty traumatic. Sunday evening everyone sitting around house watching news awaiting the hurricane. Lights went out about 3 A.M. Monday morning. Winds started blowing from the east. Then suddenly winds shifted and started blowing from the west. As we were watching the winds shift the water started coming down the road. At first we thought "It will be okay, just a little water." OVER

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

Then water came to door and into house. There was a boat a couple of houses down. We got boat and Parked by front windows. The door could not open because of pressure from water. Everyone climbed out of window into boat. The water came up approx. 5½ feet. The boat started drifting down the road. Wind was still blowing. Trash was still flying. The men got out of the boat and pulled back to house. They then tied to column on porch. We sat in the boat until Water went down. approx. 45 mins. That was an experience that one could only understand if they went through the hurricane.

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Monday evening after everything calmed down, there was a red county truck that came down road [redacted] to take us up to a shelter. (Hancock Medical). The hospital was also flooded. We went back to the house everyone was tired and hungry. We had no phones or vehicles. There was a friend whom lived about 1 mile that only got a few inches of water. So we Stayed at her house Monday night. [redacted]

Tuesday morning we got up walked back to the house. Finally, my uncle stopped by to check on us. We then decided to go to Atlanta, GA.